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1. In mid-November TENG Chao-hsiang, commander of the Central and South China Naval Command, ordered the arrest of the following persons on charges of carrying out subversive activities: CH'EN Che (陳哲), commander of the gunboat PAI O (白鵝), and WANG Pin-ssu (王濱嗣), chief engineer of the PAI O; PIEN Cho-kuang (邊卓光), superintendent of the Whampoa shipyard, T'AN Ho-t'ing (潭鶴汀), engineer of the Whampoa shipyard, and three employees of this shipyard; LIU Chen-huan (劉振寬), head of the 3 Supply Depot at Whampoa, and ten employees of this depot; and LIANG Che-kuang (梁楚光), engineer on the gunboat WU FENG (舞鳳), and two crew members of this gunboat. CH'EN, PIEN, and T'AN were imprisoned and the others were shot on 19 November.
2. PIEN Cho-kuang was replaced by PAI Tzu-shan (白子山), who was appointed acting superintendent of the Whampoa shipyard. The shipyard employs 20 Soviet technicians and 800 workers, who work two 12-hour shifts. Sixty 50-ton junks are under construction at this shipyard.

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